IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Deepak Tandon, et al. DATE: January 30, 2007

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Producing Same"

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RESPONSE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2006. A shortened statutory period was set to expire one month from the date of the Office Action making a response due by November 30, 2006. Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time for 2 months from November 30, 2006 to January 30, 2007. Please charge the extension fee of \$450 to Deposit Account 50-0694.